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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO PORTUGUESE

REF: USNATO 1606

1. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR PRESENTATION TO PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL:

--OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE LEFTIST CONSOLIDATION OF POWER IN PORTUGAL, THE REPORTED IMPENDING APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST MINISTERS (INCLUDING A REPORT THIS MIGHT INCLUDE MINISTER OF INTERIOR), AS WELL AS THE IMPRESSION BEING CREATED THAT A LEFTIST MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IS BEING ESTABLISHED.

--OUR BELIEF THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OF THE ALLIANCE AND FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE PORTUGAL'S RELATIONSHIP TO ITS ALLIES.

--THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES HAVE NOTED PORTUGAL'S STATEMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES WILL BE HONORED, BUT THAT THEY ARE DISTURBED BY STRIDENT ANTI-WESTERN STATEMENTS.

--THAT THE ALLIES HAVE ALSO CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION TO BRING NEW INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT BASED ON A FREE CHOICE OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE; IN THIS CONNECTION WE ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO UPCOMING CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

--OUR OBJECTION TO ANY PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AND TO ANY STATEMENT ALLEGING OR INSINUATING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, OR THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, WAS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT OR THAT THE UNITED STATES IS INTERVENING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL.

--OUR CONCERN AT REPORTS OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION, AND THEIR POTENTIAL EFFECT ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FREE CHOICE BY THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, AND OUR HOPE
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THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PROBLEM.

--THAT A STRONG EXPECTATION WAS RAISED THROUGHOUT THE WEST THAT THE CHANGE IN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TEN MONTHS AGO WOULD LEAD TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, AND THAT THE WEST -- OF WHICH PORTUGAL IS SO MUCH A PART -- WOULD BE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED

SHOULD PORTUGAL MOVE FROM THE TYRANNY OF THE RIGHT TO
A DEEPER TYRANNY OF THE LEFT.

2. FOR LISBON: YOU SHOULD MAKE DEMARCHE TO COSTA GOMES
ON MARCH 23 OR NOT LATER THAN MARCH 24 BUT PREFERABLY AFTER
DEMARCHES BY OTHER ALLIES AND BY IRISH ACTING FOR EC-9.
YOU SHOULD COORDINATE WITH OTHER NATO AMBASSADORS AND IRISH
AMBASSADOR IN LISBON, PER UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN NAC
MARCH 23 (REFTEL).

3. FOR USNATO: YOU SHOULD PROVIDE ALLIES WITH TALKING
POINTS PARA 1, AND URGE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZE
COMPARABLE DEMARCHES. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT PROMPT
ACTION IS DESIRABLE AND URGE THAT NATO AMBASSADORS IN
LISBON COORDINATE DETAILS OF TIMING. INGERSOLL

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